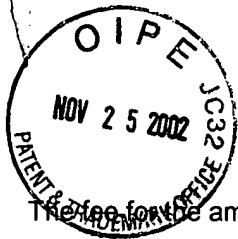


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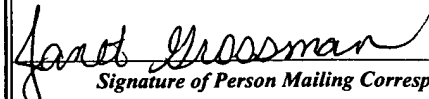
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In response to the Office Action dated July 22, 2002, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-12 and 27, drawn to a method for detecting an inhibitor of interaction between two or more binding partners for continued prosecution in the above-identified patent application.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

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